

# **Pain Management Committee Minutes**

**June 19, 2002**

1. Kate and Bowie gave an overview of the Cancer Plan and Evaluation Tool
2. Meeting dates were changed to July 1 and July 29 from 10-12pm
3. A discussion over the list of key issues, barriers, systems, etc. covered the remainder of the meeting.
  - a. The group decided to use the drug OxyContin to illustrate it's points with respect to the chapter content and discussion.
  - b. The remaining topics discussed pertained to:
    - i. Opioids and other Adjuvant Medications
    - ii. Education & Training
    - iii. Access
    - iv. Policies on Pain
    - v. Formularies
    - vi. Symptomatic Treatment vs. Life Prolonging Treatment
  - c. There were clear and present differences noted in how to reach and provide incentives to doctors vs. nurses with regard to both training and education and behavior change.
4. The following assignments were made:
  - a. **Karen Kaiser** – tape set (if arrived) & contact Doug Ross, Carla Alexander and web based program staff
  - b. **Yvette Colon** – contacts with Data Advisory Council & Insurance Commission
  - c. **Gail Katz** – Policies & Legislation on Pain
  - d. **Suzanne Nesbit** – contact Lynn McPhearson
  - e. **Bowie Little-Downs** – contact Jack Schwartz pertaining to regulatory resource & John Groopman for someone to address cultural barriers and how we can approach special populations.